



# UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

# SAFETY ALERT

**DO NOT TAKE UXO FROM THE RANGE**



UXO is defined as an Explosives that have been primed, fuzed, armed, or otherwise prepared for use and when fired, dropped, launched, etc... remains unexploded.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER UNEXPLODED ORDNACE (UXO):  
**RECOGNIZE  
RETREAT  
REPORT**

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References:  
ICB Camp Lejeune BO 3570.1C



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UXO are ammunition items that were fired, thrown, or launched from their platforms but failed to function.

They are ALWAYS considered “**Exceptionally Dangerous**”.

- The 3 R's
  - RECOGNIZE the item as an UXO
  - RETREAT the same way you entered
  - REPORT the location to your supervisor, Range Control.
- Just getting too close to an UXO may cause it to explode or begin to function.



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## **Retreat and Mark the UXO**

- Place the flag/marker in the vicinity of the discovered UXO
- Use anything easily visible
- Do not stake anything in the ground. Just because you can't see another UXO, it doesn't mean that it's not underground.
- Retreat/leave the area and do not return until EOD arrives



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## **Report the UXO**

- Report the UXO to Blackburn or PMO
- Attempt to give as much information about the UXO that you can recall
- Give approximate diameter, length, POC info, and directions (8 digit grid if possible)



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## General Safety Guidelines

- Never transmit a radio/cell phone near a UXO
- Never attempt to move or disturb a UXO
- Avoid the area where a UXO is located
- Make all radio transmissions at least 25 feet away
- Radios send out electrical currents (electromagnetic radiation (EMR)) which could initiate some UXO's



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- Never attempt to move or disturb a UXO
  - The ordnance item may function as designed if disturbed.
  - **REMEMBER**, You have no idea why it didn't detonate. You don't want to be the one who finds out why!!
- Disturbing the ground near the uxo may move the uxo
- There might be more uxo in the area
- Make sure the uxo area is clearly marked so other personnel will stay away from it
- Evacuate all nonessential personnel



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## Practice Ordnance

- Just because it is blue doesn't mean that there are no hazards.
- Many of these have a spotting charge in order to provide the ability to see where they impact
- These spotting charges can severely injure personnel





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## Civil War Ordnance





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## Civil War Ordnance

- There are numerous amounts of unexploded civil war ordnance that are still routinely discovered in this area
- Even though they may seem harmless, their decaying process has made them very unstable





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## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- Blackburn (Range Control) (910) 451-3064
- Provost Marshall Office (PMO) (910) 451-3004/5 ALT:  
911
- MCB EOD (910) 449-0558/2104



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# Questions